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At 0830 EDT USS Liberty, an auxiliary ship, was/torpedoed about 14 nautical miles north of UAR coastline. We instructed our carrier SARATOGA now in Mediterranean to despatch 8 aircraft to scene to investigate and offer whatever protection to vessel that may be necessary, and so advised Soviet Charge here at 10:15. Advise MFA that at 11:00 EDT Israelis advised us they were responsible for hitting ship by error and have apologized. We phoned this information to Soviet Charge at 11:01, and planes have now (11:25 a.m.) been called back to carrier.
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